April 11 & 12, 2009, Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord

This past week I received one Haiku and two Sijo. Now, a Haiku is a poetic form and a type of poetry from the Japanese culture. Haiku combines form, content, and language in a meaningful, yet compact form. Haiku poets write about everyday things. Themes include such things as nature, feelings, or experiences. Usually they use simple words and grammar. The most common form for Haiku is three short lines. The first line usually contains five (5) syllables, the second line seven (7) syllables, and the third line contains five (5) syllables. Haiku doesn't rhyme. A Haiku must "paint" a mental image in the reader's mind. This is the challenge of Haiku - to put the poem's meaning and imagery in the reader's mind in only 17 syllables over just three (3) lines of poetry!

Sijo is a form of poetry that comes from Korea. Sijo is a 3-line, 45-syllable lyric verse. It resembles such Japanese forms as haiku, sedoka and tanka in content, themes, and purpose, but it is more open to the use of metaphoric language and the expression of emotion, especially in the final line.

The haiku I received this week pertains to our Good Friday journey.

"Friday Haiku"

My Father sent me
to speak His Holy Word.
On Friday they nailed me.

by Tom Linde

The sijo I received:

Although the two sijo take the image of yeast and leaven from Luke's gospel 13:21, in the second reading this Easter Sunday, we hear more about this image of yeast and leaven in 1 Corinthians 5:6-8.

The first sijo:

The Kingdom of Heaven,
you said, is like yeast the woman
kneads into dough, causing
it to become light with the
love of God, bringing the hope of
grain, oil, and salt to life.

The second sijo:

Ah! It is a woman
Jesus has leavening
the flour becoming the Kingdom
of Heaven. How fitting! It
is the Woman who carries the child,
even the Kingdom — until birth.

both sijo by Sr. Kevin Cummings, PBVM

As we begin the 50 days of Easter in which our song once again becomes Alleluia, I would encourage you try to write a haiku or a sijo on your Lenten and/or Easter journey and then share it with your parish family as a way to enter into the festival and feasting of Easter joy.

Fr. Mark

This Week at Our Lady of the Black Hills

Monday, April 13
Monday in the Octave of Easter
Act 2:14, 22-33; Psalms 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Matthew 28:8-15 (white)
8:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: For the repose of Ruth Sealey)
8:30 – 10:30 am: Staff Meeting
6:30 pm: Cub Scouts
7:00 pm: Stewardship Committee Meeting
7:00 pm: Book Club

Tuesday, April 14
Tuesday in the Octave of Easter
Acts 2:36-41; Psalms 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22; John 20:11-18 (white)
8:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: For the birth of Greg Biegler)
4:30 pm Lumko Group (in rectory)
7:00 pm: Boy Scouts
7:00 pm: Returning Catholics

Wednesday, April 15
Wednesday in the Octave of Easter
Acts 3:1-10; Psalms 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Luke 24:13-35 (white)
8:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: Healing for those who have been affected by sexual abuse.)
9:00 am – Noon: Food Pantry
6:00 pm: Adoration and Reconciliation
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm: Confirmation Class (snow day make-up)
7:15 pm: Men's Group (rectory)

Thursday, April 16
Thursday in the Octave of Easter
Acts 3:11-26; Psalms 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9; Luke 24:35-48 (white)
8:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: For the birth of Greg Biegler)
10:30 – 11:30 am: Staff Holy Hour
7:00 - 8:00 pm: Basket Auction Meeting

Friday, April 17
Friday in the Octave of Easter
Acts 4:1-12; Psalms 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a; John 21:1-14 (white)
No Daily Liturgy
Noon – 9:00 pm: Set-up for the High Tea on Saturday, April 18

Saturday Morning, April 18
Saturday in the Octave of Easter
Acts 4:13-21; Psalms 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Mark 16:9-15 (white)
No Daily Liturgy
9:00 am - Noon: Food Pantry
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm: OLBH High Tea
3:30 – 4:30 pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday Evening, April 18
Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday
Acts 4:32-35; Psalms 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31 (white)
5:00 pm: Sunday Liturgy (Intention: For the success of the First Communion Retreat and the West River Catholic Heritage Society)

Sunday, April 19
Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday
Acts 4:32-35; Psalms 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31 (white)
9:00 am: Sunday Liturgy (Intention: For the OLBH Parishioners for their Prayers)
9:00 am – 11:00 am: Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast
10:30 am – 2:30 pm: First Communion Retreat: Eucharist
4:00 pm: Confirmation
6:00 pm: Sunday Liturgy with Confirmation Covenant Ritual (Intention: For our OLBH Community)
7:00 pm: Life Teen / Edge

Intercessory Prayers
Life and Health Concerns: Jane Abernathy, Kent Antonsen, Janice Collings, Joe Creek, Alice Donley, Ken Freeman, Barbara Hatch, Marvin Kari, Betty Kirker, Dee Miller, Joni Osnes, Don Snyder, Gordon Stark and Jim Wranek
Repose: Sharon Bunch, Hank Pepin & Ruth Sealey

Collection Report
April 4 & 5

Loose	$ 1245.00
Envelopes	1791.00
Student	46.05
Adopt a Seminarian	1075.00
Other	1725.23
Total	**$ 5882.28**

Mass Ministry Schedule

4/18 -4/19	5:00 pm	9:00 am	6:00pm
Bread Baker	Marlys Sears		
Altar Servers	Joe Schulte M. Van Asma C. Van Asma	Caitlin Wilson Christian Weaver Mattias Didriksen	Hannah Schroeder Dane Schroeder Liam Schroeder
Precious Body	Nancy Sass	Barb Erickson	Michelle Bucholz
Precious Blood	Betsy Van Asma Tom Van Asma Beth Anne Ferley Joni Osnes	Ken Van Asma Kathy Van Asma Christine Didriksen Gary Erickson	Curt Lauinger Kevin Rohrbach Teresa Thompson Phillip Thompson
Lectors	Greg Sass Jerry Meyer	Pamela Weaver Bob Weaver	C. Denekamp Bridgette Fode
Sacristans	Patty & Charlie Cresalia	Brenda & Marc Jacobs	Cathy & John Wang
Ushers	Steve Colgan Sue Colgan	The Inman Family	Aaron Denekamp J. & K. Wilson
Choir	OLBH Choir	Regina's Minstrels	OLBH Band

For the Ride Home

by Ted Bergh

Scripture

- They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. (Acts 10:39b)
- The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. (Psalm 118:22)
- For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. (Colossians 3:3)
- On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, (John 20:1)
- the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. (John 20:8,9)

Reflection

- What was Mary of Magdala seeking at "the tomb early in the morning?"
- What did the other disciple see in the empty tomb?
- What are you seeking this Easter from the resurrected Jesus?
- How is your life hidden "with Christ in God?"
- How do you enter the tomb (death) or die to self to live in Christ?

Real death is separation from God, and this is unbearable; real death is faithlessness, hopelessness, and lovelessness. …

Real death is the chaos where human beings find themselves when they disobey the Father, it is the tangled web to which they are reduced by their passions, it is the total defeat of all their dreams of greatness, it is the disintegration of their whole personality.

Real death is emptiness, darkness, desolation, despair, hatred, destruction.

So … Christ agreed to enter this death, into this separation, so as to identify himself with all who were in separation, and to save them.

When he touched the depths of their despair he announced hope with his resurrection.

When he was immersed in their darkness he made the brightness of the truth burst forth with his resurrection.

When engulfed by the abyss of their lovelessness he showed them the infinite joy of love with his resurrection.

By rising from the dead he made all things new.
By rising from the dead he opened new heavens.
By rising from the dead he opened new life.

(Carlos Caretto, *Selected Writings*, Orbis: Maryknoll, NY, 1994, p. 147,8)

From the Pro-Life Commission

"I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

John 10:9-11

OLBH Parish News

Fr. Mark Invites You To…

The Clergy on the Catwalk Fashion Show Fundraiser for the Cornerstone Rescue Mission. Many clergy from our community will be coming together for a wonderful evening of fun, fashion and FUNdraising – including Father Mike Mulloy and our very own Father Mark. Please plan to join us May 1st, at 7:00 pm at the Assembly of God Church on Hwy 16. Come and support our Catholic clergy as they strut their stuff in a very worthwhile event. For tickets please call Cathie Harris 431-8370.

First Communion Retreat

First Communion Retreat on Sunday, April 19th from 10:30-1:30 for parents and students. Students will need to bring their first communion books and baptism certificates if the church does not have a copy. Thanks - Cathleen

Fill the Fridge . . .

If anyone would like to offer the gift of a prepared meal for Joni & John Osnes, please contact Jane Abernathy at 716-0286. She will be organizing a schedule so their fridge / freezer won't explode!

Stewardship Committee Meeting

Stewardship Committee is meeting on April 13th at 7:00 pm at church to discuss High Tea final arrangements and continuation of Sunday morning coffees. Please note that the High Tea party is scheduled for April 18th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, April 19th the Knights will put on a pancake breakfast and bake sale from 9 am to 11 am. We will serve pancakes, sausage, eggs, apple pie filling, juice and coffee.

Collection Counters Needed

We are in need of a few people to help count collections. This need not be and every week if we have enough people to help count. If you are interested, please call Pam at 787-4391.

Returning Catholics Ministry

Tuesday, April 14th will be the first session for Returning Catholics. It will be held at OLBH every Tuesday from 7:00-8:30 pm for 6 consecutive weeks, downstairs in the St. Jerome room.

No matter how long you have been away and no matter the reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church. We are asking you to make a special effort to invite any of your nonpracticing friends, relatives, or acquaintances to join us. You are welcome to join them for moral support. Our goal is not to judge or coerce, but to accompany and help one another to take the next step in ones spiritual journey.

Please call 787-5168 or email gerg.sass@olbh.org with any questions. We look forward to seeing you there.

Diocesan News

The Divine Mercy Novena

In preparation for the Feast of Divine Mercy, Jesus asked St. Faustina to make a novena prayer from Good Friday to the following Saturday. See the pamphlet enclosed in this bulletin for how to pray this novena. "I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fount of My mercy, that they may draw from there strength and refreshment and whatever graces they need in the hardship of life and, especially, at the hour of death. On each day you will bring to My Heart a different group of souls, and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy, and I will bring all these souls into the house of My Father. . .I will deny nothing to any soul whom you will bring to the fount of My Mercy." Our Lord's words to St. Faustina. (Diary 1209) Join us in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel every day from Good Friday to Easter Saturday (April 10-April 18) at 3 PM to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

40 Hour Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration

"Could you not watch one hour with me?" (Mt. 6:40) In honor of the celebration of Divine Mercy, there will be Eucharistic Exposition for 40 hours over Divine Mercy weekend at Blessed Sacrament. Please consider spending an hour of prayer before our Lord exposed in the monstrance. It will bring a peace and closeness to Jesus that you may not have experienced before. Sign-up sheets are at each entrance of the church. Exposition begins after noon Mass on Friday, April 17th through 6:45 AM on Sunday April 19th (Divine Mercy Sunday) except for Mass Saturday evening.

Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration

April 19, 2009

Noon – 12:45 PM KC breakfast for free will offering

12:45 PM Activities for the kids including an East Egg Hunt, piñatas and cascarones (confetti eggs). If you plan on your kids participating in this, please bring one bag of candy and one dozen eggs (may be real decorated Easter eggs or plastic eggs).

2:00 PM Eucharistic Exposition, Prayers, Veneration of Divine Mercy Image and blessing of items

3:00 PM Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Benediction and Veneration of the relic of St. Faustina

Please bring any items that you want to be blessed.

Rachel's Corner

"O soul steeped in darkness, do not despair. All is not yet lost. Come and confide in your God, who is love and mercy." - Divine Mercy Sunday, Diary of Saint Faustina, #1486

By this Easter mystery, Jesus promises us resurrection and a life of love with Him. If you are hurting from an abortion, join the risen Christ and experience His love and mercy at a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™. Contact Carol Kling for information about area retreats at 605-374-5639 or ckling@sdplains.com or go to the diocesan website: www.rapidcitydiocese.org/Ministries/FamilyLife.htm. For more information, contact the national office at 877-467-3463 or www.rachelsvineyard.org.

Christian Family Planning Seminar

The next Christian Family Planning Seminar will be offered by the Natural Family Planning Ministry on Saturday, April 18th, 9:00 a.m. - Noon at St. Bernard's Church in McLaughlin. This seminar is a requirement for engaged couples getting married in the Diocese of Rapid City. Married couples, or anyone who wants to learn more about Natural Family Planning, are encouraged to attend. For more information, or to register, call Jill or Kathy at Family Life Ministries at 343-3541.

Common Sense Parenting Class

April 16 will be the first meeting for a new *Common Sense Parenting* six week class. The course offers parents practical ideas and techniques for raising happy, well-adjusted children. For care-givers (parents, grandparents, step-parents, significant others) of children ages five and up, it focuses on the parent/child relationship and stresses the important role care givers play as guides to their children. The classes will meet at the Catholic Social Services, (918 Fifth St. Rapid City), from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. For more information, or to register, call Catholic Social Services 1-800-727-2401 or 348-6086. To inquire via email send questions to: css@rapidnet.com.

Catholic Daughter Convention Memorial Mass

The South Dakota Catholic Daughters of the Americas invite everyone to their Convention Memorial Mass at OLPH Cathedral on Friday, April 17, 2009, at 4:00PM. Bishop Blasé J. Cupich will be the main celebrant. Catholic Daughters of all South Dakota Courts who have passed away since April, 2007, will be named during the special candle ceremony. Deceased local members of Court St. Rita include: Margaret Juchemich, Kay Coyle, Rosella Olson, Ellen Paul, Dorothy Clements, Viola Smolik, Pearl Mowry and Evelyn Yackley. Plan now to attend."

NFP Workshop

Are you a nurse, physician, or health care professional who wants to learn more about the Christian perspective on sexual health and intimacy in marriage? If so, FirstChoice Clinic of Fargo, ND is sponsoring A RETURN TO WHOLENESS workshop from May 18-21 at Cardinal Muench Seminary, in Fargo. You may attend part of the conference or all four days. Registered nurses and physicians can qualify to become certified Marquette Model Natural Family Planning instructors. Registration before May 1: $175; after May 1: $200; Lodging: $15/night. For more information, or to register, call FirstChoice Clinic at 701-237-5902 or log on to www.teamfirstchoiceclinic.com. Note: All materials and instruction follow the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Safety Rules Bear Repeating

Teaching children how to resist the overtures of a potential molester requires repetition and reinforcement. Children and young people need to know the rules and they need to hear them over and over and over again, so the rules become part of their thought process. Empowering children to resist the overtures of a potential molester can stop a molester in his or her tracks. For more information, contact the diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator, Linda Severns, at 343.3541. April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month.